

## Minutes of NSLS Environmental Management Review Meeting

6/30/00

1:30 p.m.

Present:

Laboratory Management - Rick Osgood, Ken Brog

NSLS Management - Michael Hart, Eric Johnson, R. Casey, Ilan Ben-Zvi, Richard Heese, R. Biscardi

Environmental Services - Sue Briggs, Bob Lee

Waste Management - Glenn Todzia

DOE - Gerry Granzen

NSLS EMS Team - Andrew Ackerman, Debbie Bauer, Mike Buckley, Nick Gmur, Eva Rothman

Casey presented a review of EMS development at NSLS, including a review of NSLS Significant Environmental Aspects and the work activities that involve the significant aspects. He reviewed the Performance Objectives and Measures established for NSLS in FY 2000.

Casey reviewed compliance with hazardous waste regulations in the 90 Day area and the Satellite Accumulation Areas. He noted that compliance in general was good, but that violations were observed. He believed that compliance rates were improving as a result of the EMS emphasis in the past year.

Casey reviewed the pollution prevention/waste minimization initiatives at NSLS and the trends of the last four years waste generation. He noted that an important waste minimization project had been completed to reduce the amount of waste water generated by the mixed resin bed processes.

Other issues discussed included: Stakeholder Concerns, Costs, NSLS Environmental Strengths, and NSLS Plans for the next year.

Casey listed two areas for further improvement:

- Improved compliance with Hazardous Waste regulations
- Ensuring that the PCB inventory was accurate.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Casey asked those present to comment on the following 3 questions:

1. Is the NSLS EMS effective in achieving environmental policy commitments?

Response: There was concurrence that the program was effective. Todzia noted that the NSLS program was a model at the Lab. Lee noted concern about the PCB inventory and urged follow-up on this issue. Briggs noted that there was a Lab issue that should be addressed involving a more clear distinction by Waste Management of hazardous wastes and industrial wastes.

2. Is the NSLS EMS effective in achieving performance objectives and measures?

Response - Yes

3. Is the NSLS EMS adequate in terms of:
- Identifying significant environmental aspects and impacts?
  - Resource allocations?
  - Information systems?
  - Organizational issues (e.g. staff expertise, procedural requirements)?
  - Performance Objectives and measures?

Response - Yes. Briggs asked if there were any issues involving information systems and whether we planned to use the ATS tracking system when it was available to the departments. Casey and Hart affirmed that the NSLS was awaiting access to the system.

Briggs noted that the NSLS had developed a strong program.

The first Environmental Management Review Meeting was concluded with the acceptance that a program was in place that addressed the BNL requirements effectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.